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(8) Conditioning and transport of live fish, stocking and acclimatization.

(9) Inland fishery statistics.

(10) Fish farming technique.

(11) Growth and migratory movements and the effects of dams on the latter.

(12) Biological control of malaria, guineaworm and other water-borne diseases by public health fish farming.' "

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, will the Government consider the opening of a research station at Kondakarala Ava in Visakhapatnam district, where there is a beautiful fresh water lake? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have already got research stations which are tackling important problems connected with fisheries. If there is any special problem to be dealt with at that place, then the matter will be considered."

SRI R. RANGASAMY GOUNDER :—" Is it not a fact that a lot of waste water from a factory is let into the Bhavani river and will it not affect the breeding of fishes."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It all depends upon what kind of water is let into the river. If it is waste water from the brewery it is good for the fish. If it is waste from slaughterhouse it is good for the fish. I do not know what exactly the hon. Member means."

Permission to tap sweet toddy in Cuddapah.

* 133 Q.—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have granted permission to tap sweet toddy (Neera) in Nellore, Chittoor, and West Godavari districts; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend the same permission to Cuddapah district? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) The tapping of palmyra trees and date trees for sweet toddy for jaggery manufacture is permitted in Nellore and Chittoor districts. The tapping of palmyra trees for sweet toddy for jaggery manufacture is allowed in West Godavari district.

" (b) There is no proposal at present to extend the tapping concession to Cuddapah district. It is apprehended that any such concession would lead to serious malpractices in this district."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" May I know why this discrimination is made only against Cuddapah district? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It is not a discrimination at all. It is a question of merit. The local officers and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies have reported against the grant of that concession."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, what are the conditions to be satisfied and what considerations weigh with the Government in the matter of the extension of the concession to tap sweet toddy to Cuddapah district? The other day, when the hon. Member Sri Y. Audinarayana Reddi put a supplementary question, the Hon. Minister replied that extension of the concession to Cuddapah would lead to malpractices. I want to know what considerations weigh with the Government in the matter of extending this concession to Cuddapah district? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" If the local officers are satisfied that there will be no scope for malpractices, the concession will be extended."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Are the Government aware that sweet toddy is of good value and vitamin value? In view of the famine conditions obtaining in Cuddapah and the other Rayalaseema districts, will Government allow the tapping of sweet toddy freely there? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It is a fact that it contains some vitamin. I have already said why the concession cannot be extended to Cuddapah district."

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL :—" Are the Government aware that most of these licensees who tap sweet toddy for manufacture of jaggery are being unnecessarily prosecuted under the pretext of not having applied in sufficient time? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I take the information from the hon. Member."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" Are the Government aware that permits for importing opium are not granted? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has no bearing on the present question."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in view of certain very favourable remarks made by the Hon. the Chief Minister the other day regarding the tapping of sweet toddy, will the Hon. Minister consider the advisability of extending the privilege of tapping and drinking sweet toddy all over this State without any discrimination? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I stick to the statement I made. I shall try to do my best to see that this nourishing fluid is not misused but is made available to as many people as possible."

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SRI L. C. PAIS :—" Sir, Will the Government see that the privilege of tapping sweet toddy for drinking purpose is extended to South Kanara in the near future? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has just now answered that question."

SRI L. C. PAIS :—" It was not audible here. Will the Hon. Chief Minister clarify the position in regard to the tapping of sweet toddy? May I know whether the concession will be extended to South Kanara district, and if so, when and under what conditions? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We cannot go into detailed examination of the matter and give a final answer in the course of an interpellation. The other day I indicated my mind. I said, we shall discuss it with the concerned authorities, consider their views and then give a final answer. Then hon. Members may criticise and make further suggestions, if any."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" As Cuddapah district is a famine-stricken area, where there are very few famine relief works, will the Government at least on this ground give special permits to tap sweet toddy in this district? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As I have already explained, the matter has to be reviewed on the recommendations of the local officers."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister for Prohibition says that after looking into the reports of the District Officers he will see whether tapping sweet toddy is to be allowed or not. May I know, Sir, why he does not consider public opinion and allow sweet toddy tapping? " 10-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, may I ask for patience in this matter. There is no use in going on repeating general questions and general answers. I have promised to look into the matter and Cuddapah will not be forgotten."

Fishery research station at Dowleshwaram.

* 134 *Q.*—SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend the Fishery Research Station at Dowleshwaram;

(*b*) what are the various kinds of fish on which research is carried at this station; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to introduce fish like Cirrhina and Rohu and improve the stock? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) No. There is no proposal for the expansion of the Research Station.